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It our friends who favor us with manuscripts for sublication with to have rejected articles returned, they must in all cases send stamps for that purpose.

Skirmishing Before the Battle. The refusal of tthe Presbyterian Gen-

eral Assembly, by a great majority, to dismiss the whole subject of revision of the Westminster Confession settles nothing of one shilling per ton. and advances the controversy not astep. It simply keeps the question open for debate; and a long debate it will be.

three were in favor of some revision, sixtyeight preferred merely some form of supplementary statement, fifty would dismiss the whole subject and from twenty-nine no reply to the committee's inquiries on the subject was received. Thus it was made evident that the prevailing Presbyterian sentiment was favorable to continuing the discussion, and Friday's decision of the Government during the last twelvemonth majority of the General Assembly was simply in accordance with that already expressed feeling. But as to the character of the revision to be made there is no unity of opinion. Nothing more is proposed than that a year hence a committee shall recommend the changes or the new stateprolongation of the controversy, with little | destroyers to interrupt the British trade. prospect of its settlement at that time. Very probably when the precise changes are submitted they will be defeated again as decisively as was the revision of 1892.

It is agreed on all hands, at least ostensibly, that the Calvinistic structure of the Westminster Confession must not be disturbed; and so perfectly adjusted is this system, so logical and so essential to Presbyterian theology, that it cannot be touched, except very superficially, without destroying the integrity of the whole. Therefore, nothing in the way of change is proposed beyond a mere matter of phrases, constructed with a casuistical view of satisfying modern sensibility without really affecting the essence of the doctrine of the Confession.

At the bottom, the whole demand for revision arises from doubt of the authority on which the Confession rests, or doubt of the infallibility of the Bible. This scepticism does not express itself frankly in the General Assembly, but it is there, is in Presbyterian pulpits and Presbyterian theological seminaries; and it raises the only real and vital issue which is pressing on the Church and eventually must be met and decided by it.

As Dr. Hall, the President of the Union Theological Seminary, told the graduating class recently, in an address from which we quoted yesterday, the question is whether the Bible shall remain, as in the past, the " objective basis of authority," or shall be replaced by the "subjective basis of authority " in " the content of the ethical consciousness and Christian experience." in accordance with "the later philosophical and critical movement " of " modern think-

prices of British coal.

If there is one British industry which, next | versity treasury to the manufacture of arms and ammunition, has profited by the war in South Africa, The report of the committee on revision it is the coal trade. The transportation of showed that of the Presbyteries, sixty- 250,000 troops to the Cape, with their food, clothing, arms, horses, mules and reliefs, created an enormous demand for the combustible. The demand from this source still centinues, and there is reason to believe that the troubles in China will cause foreign Powers to make large purchases of British coal for some time to come. The purchases of the commodity by the French are said to have been on an unprece-

dented scale. On the whole, the British coal owners and miners seem to have made a cynical exhibition of selfishness in their violent opposition to the small export duty. Worse things will befall them, if England is ever ment to the Presbyteries for their judg- engaged in war against a great Continental ment on them. That means simply the Power, possessed of sufficient commerce

No More Commencement Dinners at

serve notice on the alumni that they are son, are growing decidedly impolite as the among the sons of ADAM. not wanted in Cambridge on Commencement Day, and that the university would take Commencement Day at Cambridge, no

doubt, is no longer what it was. It is a they do pretty old graduate that can remember ne time when it was a general holiday. and the whole country side turned out to see the show, the Governor with the Great Lancers; when booths and tents rose up of the Independence, published yesterday, nomince of the People's party for Vice- colleges, but these schools have come to about the "colleges," and the people made is instructive in more ways than one. merry outside while the graduates drank After the December visit to the chairman festival dropped off, but the class punches remained, as all but the younger graduates remember somewhat regretfully. Then came a wave of reform. Corporation and faculty became scandalized at the drinking, and worked on the class secretaries till they were shocked, and punch and champagne gare way to lemonade and punch and clates, of whom one was the designer of his as against — growth of trust monopoly. In lofty rheto. Mr. Towns referred to the action of the shoux falls Convention in your columns with saying that there was nothing in Christian Science which is not myour columns with saying that there was nothing in Christian Science which is not the principle of hypnotism to the principle of hypnotism is the couraging and inspiring spectacles in constituted and custom. With his rapidly accommitted to the principle of hypnotism is the couraging and inspiring spectacles in course product the principle of hypnotism is the couraging and inspiring spectacles in course product the principle of hypnotism is the couraging and inspiring spectacles in course product the principle of the principle of hypnotism to the principle of the principle of the principle of hypnotism to the principle of the principle festival dropped off, but the class punches | clates, of whom one was the designer of his

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were last, then, indeed, the extra shilling might just turn the scale against the British lecture room platform, that is surely a light pass to the platform a of a responsible owner if the "indiminary dinner from a of a responsible owner if the "indimina product in some of the Continental markets, transcendental idea and must be of Boston Independence, "irresponsible as one would from whose porches they will hear the lowing train."

there has been a signal reduction in the to face a critical Sanders Theatre audience, posely lose to the opposing yacht." After Although British coal is cheaper than it of water on a stand to fall back on. He to imagine the situation of the New York was a twelvementh ago, it is absurd to might hope to instruct but not to entertain. Yacht Club, the responsible custodian of some years everybody connected with the its concomitants, the class suppers and a member and unknown to it and not 1896 and 1900 the quantity of coal exported occasion that draws the alumni to Cam- posely lose to the opposing yacht." increased from thirty-three million to forty- bridge. They go there often enough for Lawson also asked for "a reply by telefour million tens. During the same period baseball games and football games as they graph," since, in case of the Club's rethe average price per ton rese from 9 do to New London for the boat race. Pure fusal to modify its conditions he might shillings 11 pence to 18 shillings 4 pence; intellectuality has as little attraction for decide to "abandon finishing the Indethe extra cost to the foreign buyer in them as for other sensible people. It is 1900 amounted to a formidable sum. a short-sighted policy that would restrict Neither have the mine owners and ex- their relations to their old college merely porting merchants monopolized pros er- to the athletic contests. If it is a question garity and probable bluff. ity; the wages of the miners themselves of the few dollars the dinner costs no better have been advanced 70 per cent, within use could be made of the large unrestricted gret that the correspondence should close three years. In view, moreover, of one of funds over which the corporation now with such a letter as Mr. Lawson's last. the causes of its prosperity, the coal industry disposes than to try to draw the alumni is stigmatized as ungrateful in objecting closer to the university, or if that seems an apology to the managers of earlier to so small a burden as an export duty undesirable, the price of the dinner can be Cup defenders, whom he had virtually in-

In Old Virginia.

We must say that there seems to be a good deal of flubdub about the present tussle for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Virginia. The Hon. A. J. MONTAGUE, Attorney-General, is going about the State asking for the nomination because he is opposed to the Democratic machine, the boss of which is the Hon. THOMAS S. MARTIN, one of the Senators in Congress. There is no doubt about the solidity and smoothness of the Martinian machine. Pray, how did the virtuous Mr. MONTAGUE get his present job? He is a machine-made product, and he is no especially dignified figure as he makes faces at his creator.

The Martin candidate, therefore, presumably the man who will be nominated, is the Hon, CLAUDE SWANSON, M. C. He too, seems to think that motley's the only wear and humbug the only food. He is reported to have said that there is no Democratic political machine in Virginia, and that, if there was one, he would help crush What is the matter with Harvard, it. Now he either knows or doesn't know or, perhaps, with President ELIOT? Here that there is a political machine in Virginia, are the class secretaries discussing the and a very elaborate and highly organized desirability of doing away with the one, If he does know that there is such canvass warms up.

The correspondence between the New and General Court, the great men and the York Yacht Club and Mr. Lawson, the owner

merry outside while the graduates drank ounch in the yard. That was before the of the Challenging Committee, Mr. LEDYARD, there might be no division in the ranks of The popular interest in the college of two of Mr. Lawson's agents, or asso- those contending for "the people's cause" and critical movement "of "modern thinking." That is, the issue is whether the
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male and female, with nought but a glass | this suggestion we must ask the public pendence," In frank, pinin English Mr. Lawson's correspondence is characterized by apparent sharp fencing, manifest vul-

On May 15 Mr. LEDYARD expressed re-

On May 23 Mr. Lawson continued with increased so as to cause no loss to the uni- suited by calling their relation to their yachts dishonest, and half inviting the committee to " notify me that it is impossible for my boat to take part in the Cup defence." Mr. LEDYARD replied that the committee would send no such notification, since the Independence might enter upon complying with the Club's conditions. And there the matter rests.

In our opinion, an association of gentlemen, like the New York Yacht Club, for instance, would prefer to abandon all connection which they might have officially with the America's trophy rather than be compelled to take as their representative for its defence the individual revealed in Mr. Lawson's letters.

This Lawson agitation has been passionate, childish and ignorant to a degree. The New York Yacht Club's rules for the conduct of the Cup's defence are sane and proper in every respect. At this stage of the proceedings, they offer to Mr. Lawson an almost unprecedented opportunity for exhibition of manliness in abandoning the shifty or blundering path hitherto travelled by him, and qualifying the Independence for the trial races in the precribed and traditional way.

The latest reported conversion to Commencement dinner, and many of them a machine and yet denies its existence, plutocracy is that of the Hon. Charles the Sunday liquor question might be elimwish to abolish the material part of he is not so straightforward and sincere Amneric Towns of Minnesota, heretefore insted wholly. feast, retaining merely the intel- of speech as a Virginian ought to be and known somewhat widely as Populist hero, ectual garnish, the speeches, which they he must think that the Virginians are idiots. Sioux Falls philosopher, uncompromising yould have delivered formally from the If he doesn't know that there is such a enemy of trusts and combinations for pelf, stage of Sanders Theatre, to an unfed audi- machine, he must be an idiot himself, and unselfish and magnanimous advocate ence with thirst unquenched on a hot after- This is not polite, but we notice that several of social reconstruction with a view to as the Morrill acts, of July 2, 1802, and Aug. noon late in June. They might as well Virginia Democrats, including Mr. Swan- a more nearly equal distribution of goods

the irreconcilable gone over to the other four colleges of this sort have been founded It kindly of them if they stayed at home. There must be a good many virginia the preconcidence gone over to the other four three laws went into effect, and the being countenance and a receppaign of false pretences, but what can tive everture of the pocket. Mr. Towns work done by them has undoubtedly been of bus been heard from in Texas, drawn great good to the country as a whole, thither by the seductive gush of the oily most elaborate of the kind, although the siren. He is said to be planning, combining and scheming with an energy that States, notably that of Massachusetts, has

President relinquished that honor in favor stay.

and thus open a field to American com- or Concord origin. Even Mr. Joseph H necessarily have to be to become the bene- of their own herds, should not be too hasty petitors. As a matter of fact, however, Choate, we fancy, would find it difficult ficiary of such a subterfuge," should "pur- in picking out Herefords, and Jerseys they or two. Nothing more, and nothing decorahomelier the critter the better But what covered that a sheet of the new Pan-Amerithe dickens would you do if the hired man describe Great Britain's coal-mining in- The Harvard authorities are on the wrong the Cup, if the owner whom it had selected drank too much "stone fence" and didn't dustry as in a distressed condition. For tack. The Commencement dinner, with to represent the Club, the same not being turn up at milkin' time? Let each Cockney who, fettered to the town, loves to let his industry has been making money. Between the class meetings, is the single academic amenable to its discipline, should purimagination skip among the pastures and the kine, ask himself if he really believes that out without the error having been dishe could coax milk from a rejuctant and dis- covered.

horse that a greenhorn has got hold of her.

district seems like an incident from comic opera. Thursday morning every driver and breaker boy refused to go into the workings. There was a circus in the neighborh od-"Give us free circus tickets," cried the boys, "or we won't work until noon." The unsympathetic managers declined to furnish the tickets. Off went the boys to the circus grounds. Ten thousand men had to loaf in consequence. The moral effects of the circus have been dwelt upon often, but its economic effects have been too much neglected. A boy who likes to work when a circus is in town is perhaps too good for a sinful world.

This correspondent is right and wrong: "TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SITE Alderman DELANO, if his proposition forbidding people to stand and self-respecting New Yorker.

"Of course, as far as the car companies are confloor lengthwise, like dead hogs. Your nickel paid, the rest is entirely indifferent to them. CTITZEN."

As to the cross seat cars, he is right. The sign "standing room only " should never be understood. They have no standing room, and nobody should be allowed to enter them, unless there is a vacant seat. But our friend is wrong regarding the car company. He would have them run more cars, whereas it would be a great relief to the other traffic of the town if they ran fewer cars.

The refusal, or the delay, on the part of the German-American Reform Union to accept the nvitation to a conference from the Citizens' Union, the Committee on Invitations for anti-Tammany purposes, shows that, with this particular body of voters, the defeat of Tammany is not the first consideration. They, first of all, desire the personal liberty which allows beer on Sunday. We are not notleing this fact in disparagement of our friends referred to, but to point out what an enormous advantage it would be to politics if

Morrow Hall, the largest agricultural college 30, 1840, providing for the endowment by the It is as if the invincible had surrendered, | taining regular courses in agriculture. Sixty-

The Illinois college seems to be about the technical work done in the schools in other always been of a high grade. Many farmers It is one year and fifteen days since the and educators at first distrusted agricultural

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUS -Sir: Prof. "to the precedence of the cause of magnetism, first brought into notice in

STAMPS TO LOOK OUT FOR. Pan-American Twos Found With the Express Order for Its Reorganization-To Consist of

Train Upside Down. WASHINGTON, May 25 - It has been can series of stamps, of the two-cent denomination, was printed with the picture of the in the package shipped to the Postmaster at Brooklyn, and the stamps were retailed

dainful cow. A cow knows as quickly as a ten of the stamps, noticed the capsized ex- tenants. The commissioned officers of the press as he was about to affix one to a latter existing regiment will be honorably disand immediately sent a letter to the Bureau charged June 3e, and the officers of the Pro-of Engraving and Printing in Washington visional Regiment appointed the next day of Engraving and Printing in Washington making complaint. Through the bureau the news of the inverted train came to the ears of a stamp collector, who instantly saw visions of a rarity of the very first water. It is said that this collector, or his representative, went to Brooklyn and after some negotiations secured four of the ten inverted trains. It appears that the purchaser had used four of the stamps, given away two and for the remaining four received \$10 each. Could he have secured the whole sheet, his profits would have amounted to \$1.000 on an investment of \$2.

It is understood that the Washington man who paid \$20 each for the stamps has re-

who paid \$20 each for the stamps has refused an offer of double that amount. what price will ultimately be received for

the six copies known to be in existence canin the open cars goes through, deserves a first-class not be foretold. That is dependent upon monument in the heart of every decent, bath indulging several contingencies. If there should never be more than these six copies, the holders would be able to get their own price, as there cerned, they would just as quickly pile people on the are men of great wealth following the pursuit of stamp collecting as a pastime who would not hesitate to pay \$1,000 to secure a

> Only once hitherto have the United States Only once hitherto have the United States undertaken to issue a series of stamps in two colors—in 1sep. This series comprised denominations from 1 cent to 90 cents, only the denominations of 15, 24, 30 and 50 cents being printed in two colors. At the time of this issue a sheet of each of the two colored denominations, save the 90 cents, was printed with the central picture inverted. These stamps are exceedingly rare and line copies sell at \$500 and upward.
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> During the past winter a sheet of common one-cent stamps, with the word "Guam" printed across the face, slipped through the bireau with the word "Guam" upside down Just how many of these stamps are in the hands of collectors cannot be ascertained.

but they are held at fancy prices and few offers at any price.

In 1873, when each department of the Government service used its own distinctive set of stamps, instead of the penaty envelope, an error was made by the Continental Bank Note Company, then having the Government centract for postage stamps. The regular color of the Navy Department stamps was blue, and in some way a sheet of the two-cent denomination was printed in green. These errors of celer are held at \$40 cach, while the same stamp in correct color sells for about 40 cents.

American Bank Note Company, in

TAFT COMMISSION'S REPORT LOST.

TAFT COMMISSION'S REPORT 10ST.

Mailed to Be Sent on Transport Sheridan, but Has Not Been Received.

Washington, May 25—Where is the Philippine Commission's report? According to a cablegram received by the Secretary of War as to the meaning of the Platt amendment, has not yet presented to the convention any formal report nor made any formal recommendations. This statement was somewhat of a surprise to the officers of the War Department, as it was supposed that the delegation had made a report. Gen Wood offered no explanation for the failure of the delegation was mailed at Manila to be on the transport Sheridan, which arrived at San Francisco a week ago, but the War Department has been unable to find the slightest clue to its whereabouts. The mail which came on the Sheridan was delayed in San Francisco several which were based the majority and minority dan was delayed in San Francisco several days, but the bulk of it reached Washington days, but the bulk of it reached Washington yesterday and was distributed to the different Government departments. The commisas against growth of trust monopoly.* George T, Ladd of Yale University is credited sion's report, making recommendations for a

The Cold Yes being the service of the control of the cold of the c

From the Chicago Inter Ocean. A Chicago publisher says there are 200,000 planes

THE PORTO RICO REGIMENT.

Fight Companies of 104 Men Each. WASHINGTON, May 25 -- An order for the reorganization of the "Porto Rican Provisional Regiment" of infantry was issue express train upside down. This sheet was | ment is to consist of \$66 enlisted men, formed into eight companies of 104 enlisted a each, and a band of twenty-four men. There will be one Lieutevant-Colonel, two Majors eight Captains, two assistant surgeons, ter One of the purchasers, who had secured | First Lieutements and eight Second Lie .

EXODES TO THE PHILIPPINES.

Nearly All of the General Officers of the Arms Staff Bureaus May Go Before July 1.

Washington, May 25 .- It is probable that before July 1 there will be an exodus to the Philippines of nearly all of the general officers of the staff bureaus of the army. Gen. Breckenridge, Inspector General of the army, has already sailed for Manila; Gen. Greely will sail in a few days for the Philippines by way of the Suez Canal, Adjutant-General Corbin has arranged for passage on the transport Hancock from San Francisco, June 25, and to-day Surgeon-General Sternberg announced that he would probably sail on the same vessel. Other officers who are contemplating a voyage to the Philippines this summer are Commissary-General Weston.

same vessel. State of the Philippines this summer are Commissary-General Weston. Gen. Bird of the transport service and Paymaster-General Bates.

Should these officers go there would be but few of the chiefs of the staff bureaus of the army remaining in Washington. These would be Judge Advocate General Davis, Quartermaster-General Ludington, Gen. Gillespie, Chief of Engineers, and Gen. Buffington. Chief of Ordnance. Gen. Sternberg will make a personal inspection of the different hospitals of the army in the Philippines, and Gen. Weston will undoubtedly make a thorough inquiry into the system of furnishing subsistence to the soldiers and the question of garrison rations. nishing subsistence to the question of garrison rations

NO REPORT BY CUBAN DELEGATES. Gen. Wood Says They Have Not Pre ented Their Views to the Cuban Convention.

WASHINGTON, May 25 -Cen. Wood has definite action has yet been taken by the Constitutional Convention in regard to the question of relations to exist between Cuba and the United States He has also reported that the Cuban delegation, which came to Washington and conferred with the

WANTS TO KNOW WHY HE'S SUSPENDED. Cadet Shannon Goes to Washington and Ap

peals to Secretary Root. WASHINGTON, May 25 .- Cadet Shannon of Minnesota, who was suspended from the West Point Military Academy for his connection with the demonstration against Supt. Mills, arrived in Washington this marr ing and went to the War Department for a to ask the Secretary the reason the Depart

She-Why, no The stolen transposed was not a hat-it was a picture. Her Husband-On: I thought from the value it was a hat.